



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor
Declaration

Whereas, Utah is highly accomplished, respected, and well-known for its services to deafblind children, youth, and adults;

Whereas, deafblindness is a severe and unique multisensory loss affecting mobility, communication, and information access;

Whereas, June is the birth month of Helen Keller, an individual who was deafblind, known around the world for her perseverance and achievements, and an inspiration to the deafblind community;

Whereas, to educate the public's views of people with these sensory loss experience extreme isolation/loss of independence, depression/anxiety, and the inability to access the services and information;

Whereas, we encourage the people of Utah to promote education, employment, housing, and recreational options for deafblind people, thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community and lifestyle of their choice;

Whereas, during the week of June 24th, it is appropriate to celebrate the achievements of individuals who are deafblind, and to recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it; and

Whereas, to recognize the abilities and potential of fellow citizens who have a combination of vision and hearing loss and to recognize them as examples of courage, hope, determination, and achievement;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare June 24–30, 2019 as

Helen Keller Deafblind Awareness Week

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor